



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for cancers that affect both men and women in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every ten minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The vast majority of colon cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection, and the five-year survival rate of individuals is 90 percent when cancer is detected at an early stage; and
- WHEREAS: Only 40 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and
- WHEREAS: If the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could be dramatically reduced; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases; and
- WHEREAS: Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2015, as:

## COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE